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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Request for hearing (A/C.4/52/6)
2. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   General debate on all decolonization agenda items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/C.4/52/L.3 and L.4), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VIII), A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (Chapter V, section E), A/52/ 23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VII), A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388 and Add.1)
3. Effects of atomic radiation [84] (A/52/46)

   General debate

* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman
2. Organization of work (A/C.2/52/1, A/C.2/52/L.1/Rev.1)
3. General debate:

   Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

   United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)
   Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union)
   United States of America
   Bangladesh
   Ghana
   Namibia
   Jordan
   Myanmar
   Russian Federation
   Egypt
   Tunisia

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Marshall Islands
Turkey
Malaysia

China
Morocco
Belarus
Cuba
Czech Republic
India

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and family [102] (A/52/3*, A/52/56, A/52/57, A/52/60, A/52/183, A/52/351*, A/C.3/52/L.2, E/1997/103, E/1997/104)

Introduction and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Management of peacekeeping assets

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151] (A/52/33, A/52/308, A/52/317)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations reform

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	30th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [1] (E/AC.51/1997/Add.1 and E/AC.51/1997/L.2/Rev.1/Add.1)

2. Programme questions [2]

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

   Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

   Section 27E: Conference Services.

   (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II, sections 27C and 27E) and A/52/16)

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* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 13 October 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 46: Implementation of the World Summit for Social Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	**closed meeting**	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	**closed meeting**	Conference Room 4

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.4 on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	30th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Professor Gerald K. Helleiner from the University of Toronto will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Professor Helleiner will address the question "What kind of a finance conference would the world need?". All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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The Group of 77 will hold meetings *(on Second Committee organizational matters)* on Tuesday, 14 October 1997, at 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 14 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The first meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth will be convened at Headquarters, in cooperation with the United Nations, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal, from 14 to 16 October 1997. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The Committee will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 10.15 a.m., from 12.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, so as to enable interested delegations in the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly to attend.

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Briefings

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of the Small Territories

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Dr. Carlyle Corbin, representative for External Affairs, Government of the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/52/5).

Question of Western Sahara

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

On the basis of decisions taken at the 3rd and 4th meetings, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Jean Paul Lecoq, Mayor of Gonfreville l'Orcher, France, on behalf of the French elected signatories which are listed in A/C.4/52/4, Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/52/4/Add.1), Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/52/4/Add.2) and Ms. Teresa K. Smith de Cherif, Sahara Fund, Inc. (A/C.4/52/4/Add.3).

Mr. Lecoq and Mr. Briones Vives replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Morocco.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Under-Secretaries-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and Political Affairs, as well as by the Chairman.

The Under-Secretaries-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and Political Affairs replied to questions posed to them by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Portugal, the Syrian Arab Republic, New Zealand, India, Côte d'Ivoire, Argentina, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation and Romania.

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Wednesday, 16 October 1997, as the deadline for the submission of any draft proposals on item 18 and amendments relating to the recommendations of the Special Committee of 24 on the items on its agenda and to take action on all of the items on Monday, 27 October.

Friday, 10 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered one communication containing a request for hearing relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of one communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as a Committee document.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

On the basis of decisions taken at the 3rd, 4th and at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard statements by Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Member, Congress of the United States (A/C.4/52/2/Add.4), Senator Mark Charfauros, on behalf of twenty-fourth Guam Legislature (A/C.4/52/2/Add.5), Ms. Hope Cristobal, Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (A/C.4/52/2), Mr. Ronald Teehan, Guam Landowners Association (A/C.4/52/2/Add.1), Mr. Jose Ulloa Garrido, Nasion Chamoru (A/C.4/52/2), Ms. Patricia Garrido, Ancestral Landowners Association (A/C.4/52/2/Add.2), and Mr. Patrick San Nicholas, Chamorro Tribe of the Mariana Islands (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7).

Mr. Teehan replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Cuba and Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Garrido replied to a question posed to him by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Tunisia, Pakistan, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegations of the Marshall Islands, Morocco and Ethiopia in the list of speakers under agenda item 18.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 15th plenary meeting of the General Assembly held on Monday, 29 September 1997 (see *Journal* No. 1997/188, p.8): the summary should read as follows:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.1) [120]

The General Assembly took note that the Republic of Moldova had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Hon. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Chong-Ha Yoo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Professor S. Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Michael John Powles, Chairman of the Delegation of New Zealand, H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan, H.E. Mr. David Levy, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel, and H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1997

426th meeting

Adoption of the report

The Committee adopted its draft report.

Closure of the session

The Chairperson declared the sixteenth session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947

Accession: Estonia (8 October 1997)*

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, concluded at Espoo (Finland) on 25 February 1991

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (10 October 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

A commemorative ceremony to observe the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, in collaboration with A.T.D. Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the United Nations gardens.

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Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, invites the representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations, the media, non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat staff to a ceremony to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 17 October 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

On this special occasion, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan will recognize project representatives from Viet Nam, South Africa, El Salvador and from the United States for their outstanding contributions to the eradication of poverty. Ms. Nadine Gordimer, the 1991 Nobel prize winner in literature, will share her views on "A World without Poverty". Film actor and crusader, Danny Glover, will host the event. Dick Gregory, comedian, along with musicians from around the world, will perform.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Security and Safety Service

The Pass and Identification Office located in the UNITAR Building will resume regular work hours on Monday, 13 October 1997. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and will be closed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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